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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to the authority of M.G.L. c. 118E and in accordance with M.G.L. c. 30A, a public hearing will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, May 11, 2018, in the First Floor Conference Room, 100 Hancock Street, Quincy, MA 02171, relative to the adoption of amendments to:

101 CMR 414.00: Rates for Family Stabilization Services. Pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 118E, Section 13D (f/k/a Chapter 257 of the Acts of 2008), EOHHS is required to establish by regulation rates to be paid by governmental units to providers of social service programs. In accordance with this requirement, proposed amendments to 101 CMR 414.00 reflect the redesign of services purchased by the Department of Mental Health that enhance flexibility in purchasing and providing of these services. Specifically, various individual services with rates established by this regulation have been renamed and restructured under a single service called "flexible services." Additionally, as part of this amendment, the rate for adult companion services is being established in this regulation, rather than pointing to 101 CMR 359.00: Rates for Home and Community Based Services Waivers for this rate. The rate for adult companion is being established at the current rate in effect for this service under 101 CMR 359.00.

There is no anticipated financial impact as a result of the proposed amendments to the regulation. Spending is anticipated to remain the same, at approximately \$11.2M per year, which is the anticipated FY18 spending for services with rates established under this regulation. There is no fiscal impact to the Commonwealth or to municipalities.

The proposed amendments to this regulation contain rates effective for dates of service on or after January 1, 2019.

Individuals who notify EOHHS of their intent to testify at the hearing will be afforded an earlier opportunity to speak. Speakers may notify EOHHS of their intention to testify at the hearing by registering online at www.mass.gov/service-details/executive-office-of-health-and-human-services-public-hearings. Individuals may also submit written testimony by e-mailing ehs-regulations@state.ma.us. Please submit electronic testimony as an attached Word document or as text within the body of the email with the name of the regulation in the subject line. All submissions must include the sender's full name, mailing address, and organization or affiliation, if any. Individuals who are unable to submit testimony by email should mail written testimony to EOHHS, c/o D. Briggs, 100 Hancock Street, 6th Floor, Quincy, MA 02171. Written testimony must be submitted by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, May 18, 2018.

All persons desiring to review the current draft of the proposed actions may go to www.mass.gov/service-details/executive-office-of-health-and-human-services-public-hearings or request a copy in writing or in person from MassHealth Publications, 100 Hancock Street, 6th Floor, Quincy, MA 02171. To view or download related supporting materials, go to www.mass.gov/service-details/proposed-regulations-supporting-materials.



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EOHHS may adopt a revised version of the proposed actions taking into account relevant comments and any other practical alternatives that come to its attention.

In case of inclement weather or other emergency, hearing cancellation announcements will be posted on the MassHealth website at www.mass.gov/service-details/executive-office-of-health-and-human-services-public-hearings.

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